

Community**Investments**Plan... a Framework for the Future

A New Comprehensive Plan for Wichita-Sedgwick County
"Our priorities, our investments, our future"

1. Overview of Plan Process
2. Community Trends & Challenges
3. Public Infrastructure Assets & Liabilities

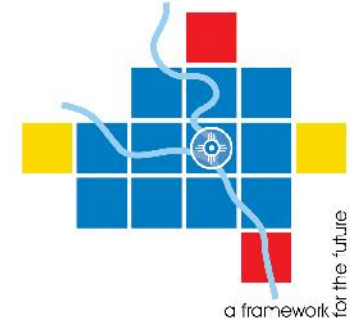
Community Presentation

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Why This Initiative?

- State requires a comprehensive plan to:
 - Guide spending on public infrastructure and facilities,
 - Authorize city/county land development approvals.
- We are shareholders in **\$7 billion** of combined city/county infrastructure & facility assets.
- These assets have:
 - Shaped our community's economy and quality of life,
 - Driven private investment decisions.
- Current comprehensive plan outdated - new era of diminishing resources , fiscal constraint and rising costs of maintaining our public assets.
- New plan (2015-2035) will focus on maximizing return on public investment and minimizing future risks to our community.



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Why Should You Care?

- Our future as a community will be in part, a reflection of what we collectively...
 - Have (past and current public investments)
 - Need
 - Want
 - Currently Spend &
 - Will Spend
 - ... on public infrastructure & facilities.
- The question is ... “how much to spend” and “where best to invest” public funds in our community?
- It’s about getting the best bang for our public dollar spent.
- It’s about defining future expectations for our public infrastructure/facilities.



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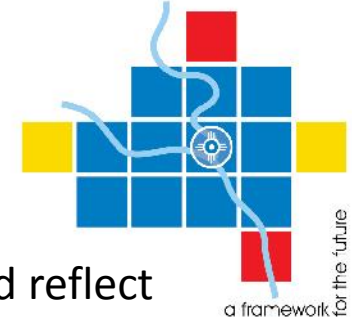
- Future generations of our community will be affected by the public investment decisions we make today.



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Integrating with Established Community Visions



Money spent on future public infrastructure and facilities should reflect relevant community visions and priorities -

- Project Downtown: The Master Plan for Wichita (2010)
- Visioneering Wichita Plan & Priorities (2009)
- WAMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035
- Wichita Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (2008)
- Priority Project 2012 (Visioneering, YP's of Wichita, WDDC)



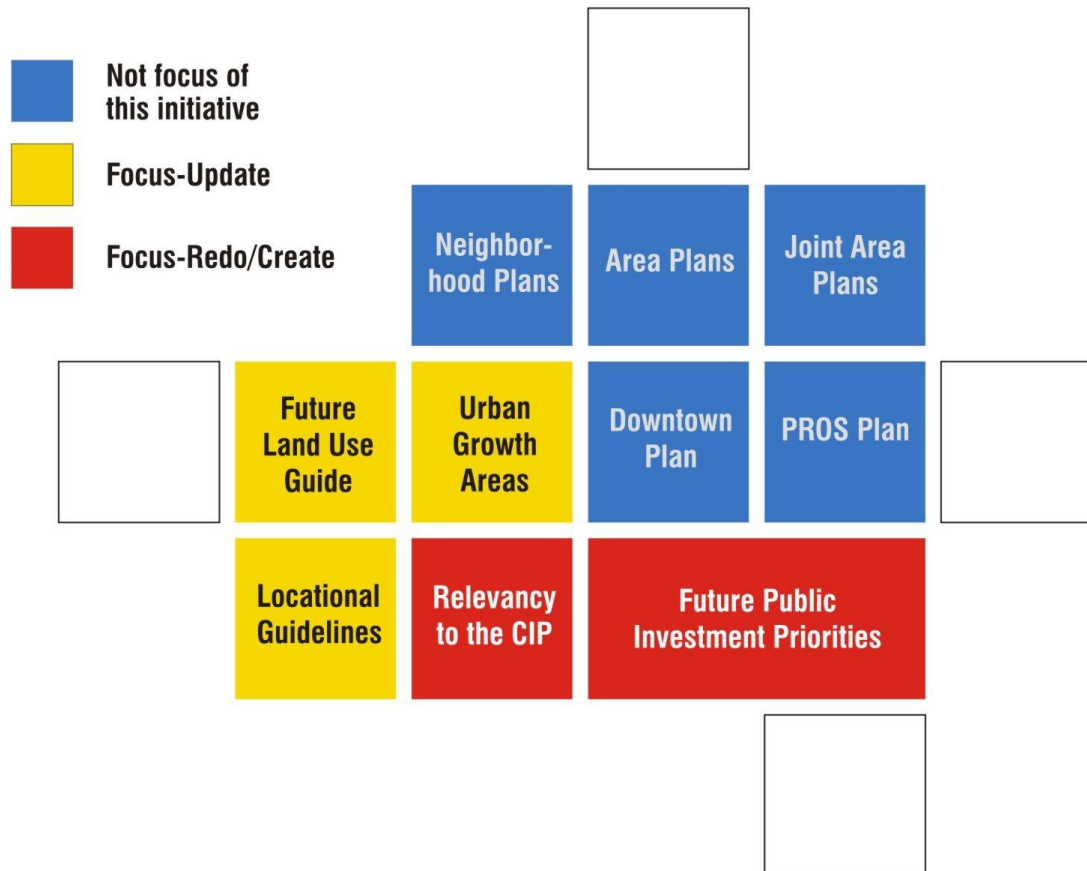
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What Does Our Current Plan Consist of?

CommunityInvestmentsPlan

Elements of the Comprehensive Plan



What is the Planning Process?



- Plan development will take about three years:

Phase 1	Present and Future Community Infrastructure Analysis - <i>2011 & 2012</i>
Phase 2	Future Community Investments Priority-Setting and Scenario Development - <i>2013</i>
Phase 3	Draft Plan Development - <i>2013 & 2014</i>
Phase 4	Finalization and Adoption of Comprehensive Plan - <i>2014 & 2015</i>

Community input will be ongoing throughout these phases.

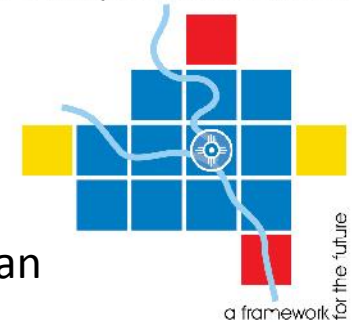
- 23-member Plan Steering Committee is developing the Plan.



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Ongoing Community Engagement



Various opportunities for community involvement during the Plan development process:

- WSU community survey (late January) - presentation of results in April/May.
- District Advisory Boards.
- Ongoing community-wide meetings/presentations.
- Project Website - sharing plan development information and receiving feedback.
- 'MindMixer' web-based discussion forum for idea generation/sharing.
- Social media.



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The WSU Survey



- Wichita State random survey of **25,000** registered voters in Wichita and Sedgwick County this month.
- Survey addresses various city programs and city/county public assets (Focused on Water, Sewer, Transportation, Community and Economic Development).
- Why survey? Provides valuable community feedback to:
 - Identify future public spending priorities,
 - Identify citizen 'willingness to pay ' (more, less or the same)
 - Define future expectations for public infrastructure/facilities,
 - Develop a new Wichita-Sedgwick County comprehensive plan.



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It's our community ... we need your help... spread the word!

IF YOU RECEIVE THE SURVEY, PLEASE COMPLETE IT

Your thoughts and comments are important in guiding future city/county public spending decisions.



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2. Important Trends & Challenges Affecting the Future of Wichita-Sedgwick County

The future isn't what it used to be ... Yogi Berra



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Trends & Challenges Ahead - fiscal/economic

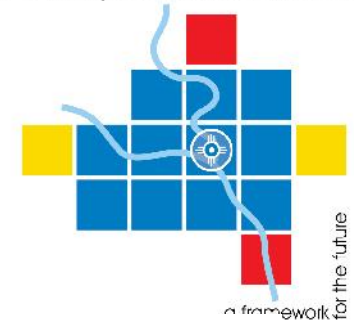


- Diminishing state and federal funding.
- Growing structural imbalance (gap) between slowing city/county revenues and rising costs of maintaining our existing public assets.
- Rising fuel/energy prices significantly increase capital, operational and maintenance costs.
- Future growth/development revenues do not cover long-term cost liabilities of our public infrastructure.
- External factors will drive some future investments.
(e.g. compliance with federal EPA requirements).
- 40,844 additional jobs projected in Sedgwick County from 2010 to 2035 - annual job growth rate of **0.87%** (manufacturing, retail trade and health care sectors dominant).



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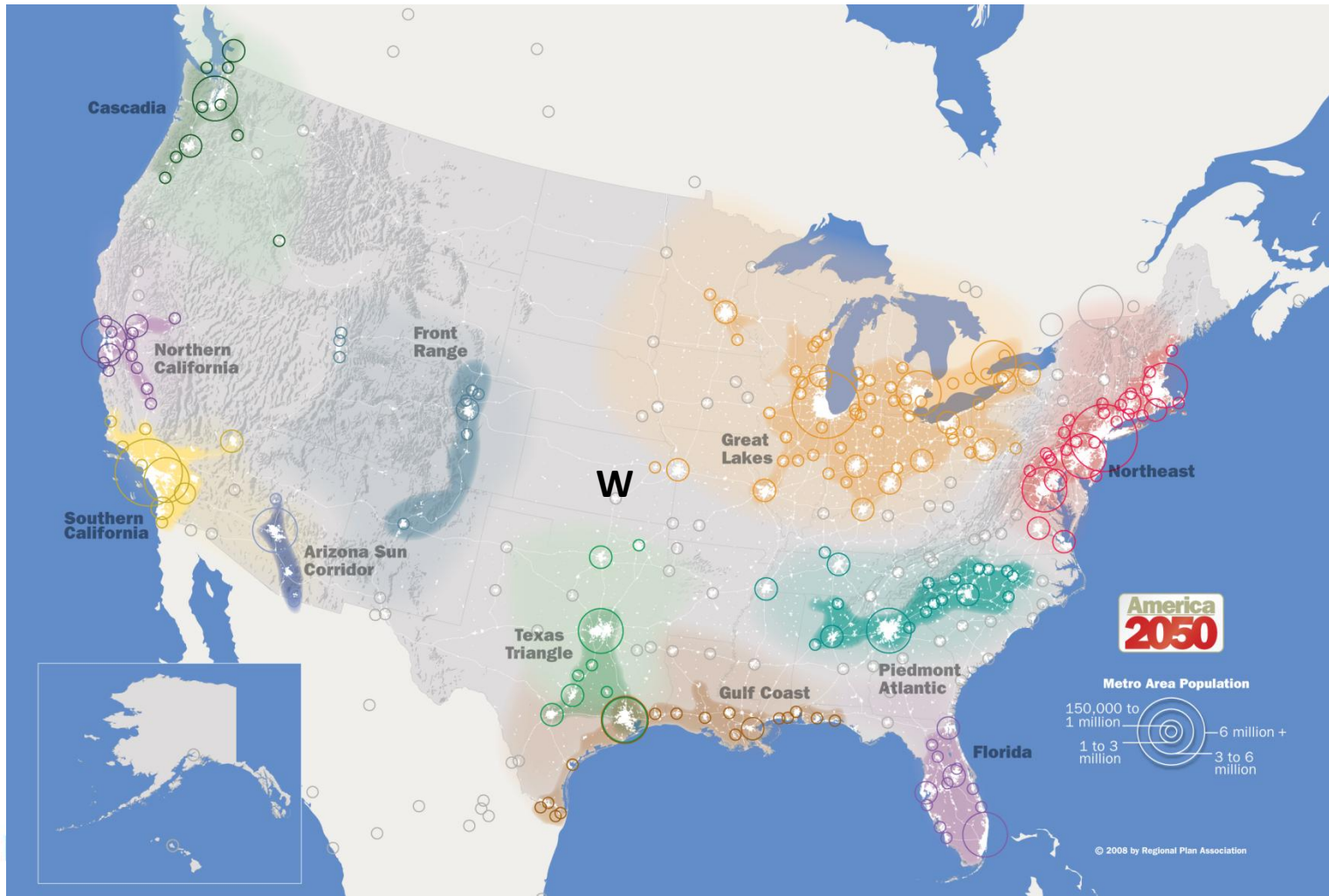
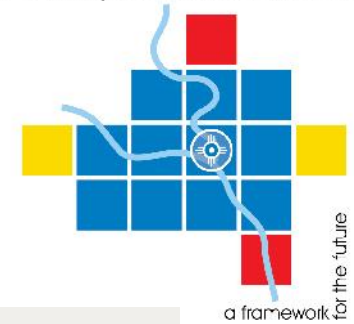
- New era of globalization and competition with other communities ... e.g. the 10 megapolitan areas (2005).

Map 2: The Megapolitans



Trends & Challenges Ahead - fiscal/economic

- New era of globalization and competition with other communities ... e.g. the 11 mega-regions (2008).



11 Mega-Regions
Over next 40 years
will experience:

50% of all
population growth.

66% of all
economic growth

Linked by:

- Economy
- Infrastructure
- Culture
- History
- Environment



Trends & Challenges Ahead - demographics



- Our community is aging. By 2030, **one in five** residents will be 65 or older (**40%** increase).
- By 2025, **half** of households will be single-person households (currently **31%**).
- Fewer households with children - **one in three** Wichita households now have children.
- Roughly **20%** of young adults (25-40 yrs.) leave Wichita area each year - (10,000 people representing annual lost investment of **\$595M**).
- By 2035, county's estimated population range is 593,000 to 610,000 (current pop. 501,076).
- By 2035, Wichita's estimated population range is 444,000 to 452,000 (current pop. 384,445).



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3. Wichita-Sedgwick County Infrastructure Assessment & Investment Overview



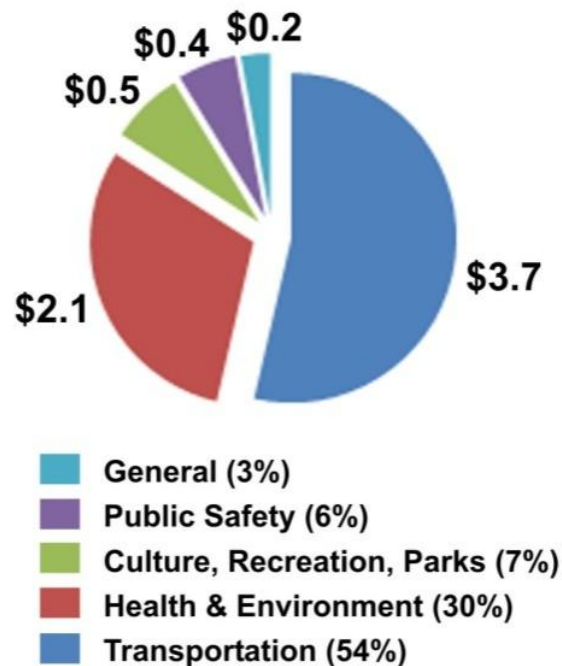
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Our Current Investments - 2011

**2011 Combined Wichita-Sedgwick County
Capital Asset Investment
by Functional Category**
(value in \$ billions)

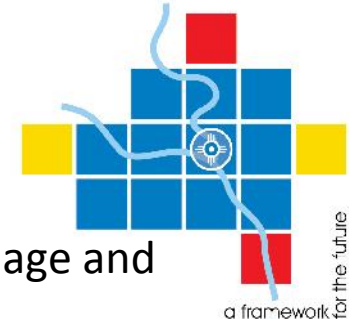


Combined Assets (examples):

2,500 miles of streets/roads
 (100 miles of unpaved streets in Wichita)
2,400 miles of water mains
2,000 miles of sewer mains
54 miles of bike paths
9 miles of bike lanes
950 bridges
460 buildings
31 fire stations



Condition of Our Assets - 2011



Based upon factors of functionality, relevancy, need for repairs, age and life cycle stage:

- Almost **38%** of Wichita's assets and **11%** of county assets have been initially rated* as being '**fair/deficient**' in terms of overall condition.
- Remaining assets were rated as being in 'good' or 'excellent' condition.

*Five-point ranking scale: Unsatisfactory, Poor, Fair/Deficient, Good, Excellent



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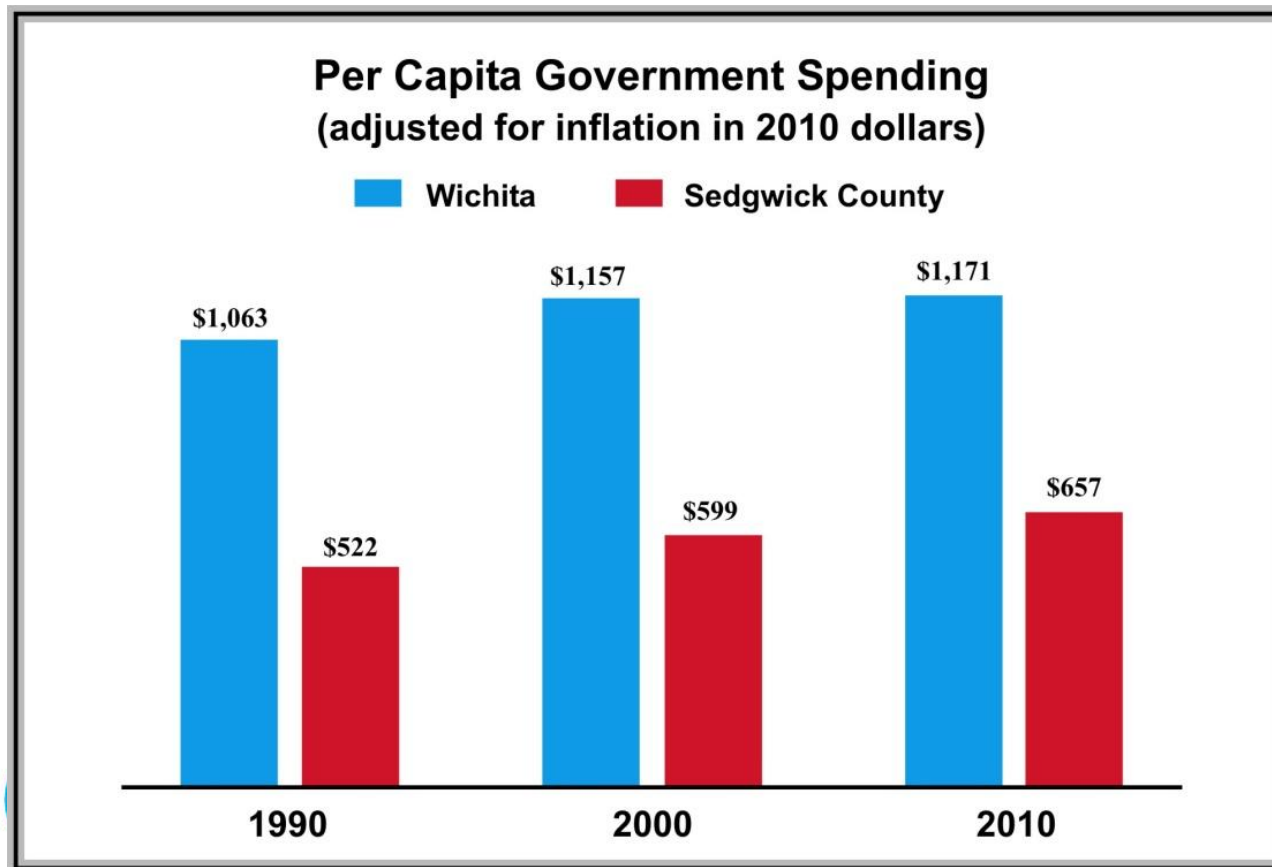




Our Expenditures

Our Spending Over Time -

Local government spending on a per capita basis has increased slightly over the last 30 years when adjusted for inflation in 2010 dollars.



Note: Since 1990, County has assumed public health, mental health and community-run corrections responsibilities.





Transportation Infrastructure (\$3.7 billion) - 2011

Highways, streets, bridges, sidewalks/paths, parking facilities, transit, airport



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Transportation Infrastructure - assets & liabilities



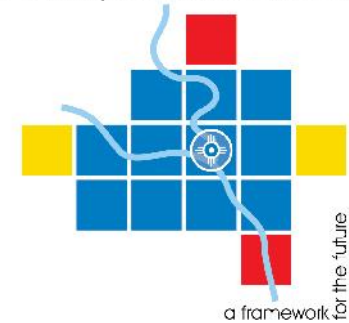
- **48%** of Wichita's streets fall below national benchmark standards
Wichita is implementing new measurement system to better assess street condition.
- Additional city street maintenance funding needs estimated at **\$12M annually** - More accurate totals will be known once testing evaluations are completed.
- **29%** of Wichita's bridges and **6%** of county's bridges need rehabilitation or replacement.
- State transportation funding is **38% less** than state's previous 10-year transportation budget.
- Rising fuel and energy costs significantly increase road maintenance costs (e.g. **\$4.7M** increase in city vehicle fleet costs between 2001 and 2008).
- Metro-area costs of ozone non-attainment (*if happens*) estimated at **\$10M annually**.



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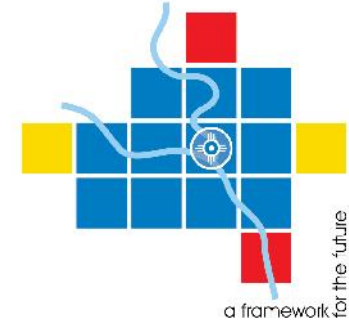


Transportation Infrastructure - assets & liabilities



- Transportation needs of an aging population will require alternative transportation and accessibility choices.
- By 2030, **one** in **four** drivers in the nation will be over age **65** ... drivers over age **85** will be **4 times higher** than today.
- Wichita ranked **21** out of **29** comparable cities for 'ease of bicycle travel' ... current transportation system is motor vehicle-oriented .
- Wichita Transit:
 - *Aging bus fleet* - **\$21M** to replace Transit's aging bus fleet.
 - *Funding shortfalls* - no dedicated funding source for operations, maintenance and service improvements ... funding uncertain after 2013.
 - *Limited ridership* - only **3%** of population uses public transit (roughly 12,000 individual riders).





Health & Environment Infrastructure (\$2.1 billion) - 2011

Water, sewer, stormwater, public health



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Health & Environment Infrastructure - assets & liabilities



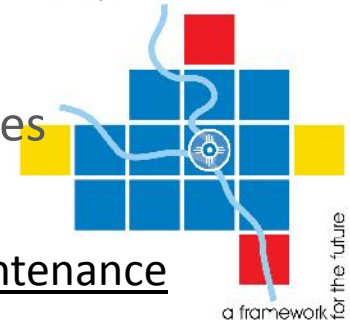
- Wichita has **2,016 miles** of sewer pipes (**33%** over 50 yrs. old) and **2,367 miles** of water pipes (**25%** over 50 yrs. old).
- By 2020, Wichita may need to spend up to **\$150M** for new wastewater treatment facilities upgrades (possible EPA mandate for biological nutrient removal).
- Funding for **annual** city water repair/replacement will double (**\$2.5M** to **\$5.4M**) - for sewer, will increase threefold (**\$1.5M** to **\$5.4M**).
- Affordable, long-term water supply is vital to our economic prosperity. Wichita has spent **\$256M** on multi-phase Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project (project drought-sensitive ... future water supply costs/sources under evaluation).
- Over **\$200M** needed for future stormwater projects across jurisdictions to solve chronic stormwater/flooding problems - no dedicated funding source.



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Health & Environment Infrastructure - assets & liabilities



- ERU rates (equivalent residential unit) fund city stormwater maintenance and improvements :
 - Residential fee rate (\$2 per month) unchanged since 2007... generates **\$8.5M annually**.
 - Rate is insufficient to raise additional **\$76M** to fund required projects through 2020.
- Wichita/Valley Center Floodway Control Project - No dedicated funding sources for:
 - Maintaining project to FEMA /U.S. Corps of Engineers certification and accreditation standards (**\$1.6M** needed **annually**).
 - Future project expansions or improvements (**\$60M**).





Culture, Recreation & Parks Infrastructure (\$0.5 billion) - 2011

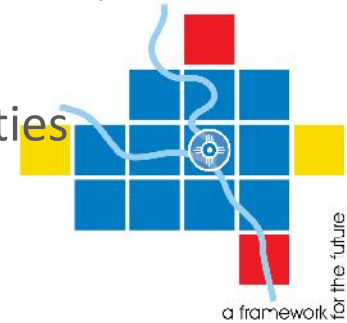
Libraries, arts/education facilities, parks, recreation facilities



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Culture, Recreation & Park Infrastructure - assets & liabilities



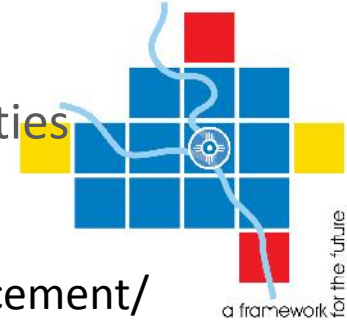
Our Assets (have helped create our current quality of community life).

- Wichita's recreation assets include 124 parks, 11 pools, 8 recreation centers, 5 golf courses, and several special use facilities (Botanica, the Great Plains Nature Center, Lawrence Dumont Stadium, Ralph Wulz Riverside Tennis Center, and Wichita Ice Center).
- Wichita education/culture assets include 10 libraries, Century II Convention Center, CityArts, Exploration Place, Mid-America All-Indian Center, Old Cowtown Museum, Wichita Art Museum, and Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum.
- County assets include Lake Afton Park and Observatory, Intrust Bank Arena, National Center for Aviation Training, Sedgwick County Extension Center, Sedgwick County Park, and Sedgwick County Zoo.



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Culture, Recreation & Park Infrastructure - assets & liabilities

Parks and recreation -

- Wichita's PROS Plan recommends **\$8M annually** for replacement/renovation of existing park and recreation assets.
- Wichita's current **annual** spending for PROS Plan assets is **\$2.3M** - no dedicated funding source.
- An additional **\$19M annually** is recommended to expand city's park and recreation system.

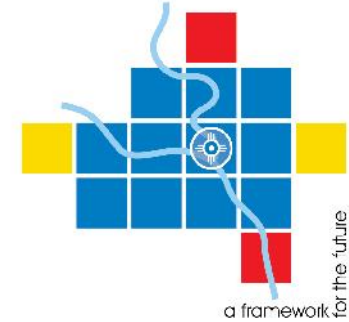
Arts, culture and education -

- No city funds for proposed:
 - Retrofit to Lawrence Dumont Stadium (**\$50M**).
 - Convention Center expansion (**\$173M**).
 - Southeast Wichita Community Resources Center (**\$8.4M**).



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Public Safety (\$0.2 billion) - 2011

Fire, police, corrections, court facilities



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Public Safety Infrastructure - assets & liabilities



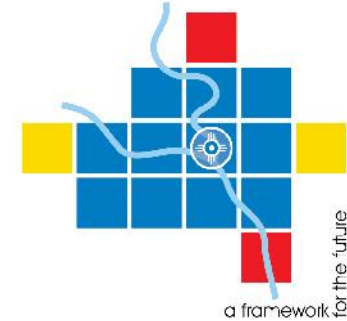
- Wichita's building assets include 22 fire stations, regional fire training center, 4 police substations, bomb disposal range and city/county law enforcement training center.
- County's building assets include juvenile and adult correction/detention facilities, work-release centers, Public Safety Center, Sheriff's office and Sedgwick County Jail. Sedgwick County Fire District #1 building assets include 9 fire stations.
- No county funds for EMS Post replacement/construction (\$2.2M estimate). No city funds for two additional city fire stations (\$5.6M) and Fire Fleet Center (\$5.6M).
- Biggest public safety services expense is ongoing staffing costs - not the costs of new public safety infrastructure.



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Other Programs & Services - issues & challenges



Additional WSU Survey Topics:

1. *Wichita Community Development Services -*

- Services/programs targeting low-moderate income households - (prescriptions for uninsured residents; summer youth camps; neighborhood clean-ups; neighborhood city halls; tax prep. services; homeless prevention and assistance/housing; emergency home repair; free paint program; housing rent assistance; home-improvement loan programs; business assistance programs).
- Services **heavily** dependent upon annual federal funding (currently **\$27M**). Federal funding continues to decline.
- Question - Should city funds be used to support these services if federal funds further reduced/eliminated?



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Other Programs & Services - issues & challenges



Additional WSU Survey Topics:

2. *Economic Development Support/Incentives -*

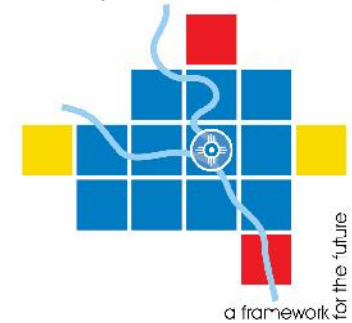
- Communities compete to attract/grow businesses that create jobs. Several communities in our region offer economic incentives.
- Wichita heavily invested in mature, late-stage businesses that do not produce new jobs at historic rates.
- City and county offer several economic development incentives: (TIF, IRB, CID, NRA tax rebates, tax exemption programs, façade improvement programs, Downtown development incentives).
- No city or county dedicated funding source for economic development - Wichita currently budgets **\$1M annually** to support this work.



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Other Programs & Services - issues & challenges



Additional WSU Survey Topics:

3. *Kansas Affordable Airfares Program* -

- Initiated in 2002 to: provide lower fares, attract new businesses, keep existing jobs in Kansas, encourage increased travel/tourism, and offer more flights.

Results:

- Fares have decreased (**24%** overall).
- Nearly **\$500M** in airfare savings since 2002.

Future issues/challenges.

- Affordable airfares initiative depends on continued political and community financial support at state and local level.



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Other Programs & Services - issues & challenges



Additional WSU Survey Topics:

4. *Passenger Rail Service to Wichita –*

- Wichita lost passenger rail service in 1979. Northern Flyer Alliance leading efforts to restore Wichita passenger rail service.
- State and federal government studying passenger service plan options that include Wichita:
 - Fort Worth/Oklahoma City/Wichita/Newton - **\$133M** cost
(**\$8.9M** annual operating subsidy)
- Limited state funds to match any future federal funds committed to Wichita passenger rail service.



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In Summary - it's our community

- We have the responsibility to proactively *plan* for and *prioritize* our future public investments ... then *adapt* our plan to unforeseen challenges as they occur.
- The question is ... “how much to spend” and “where best to invest” public funds in our community?
- It's about defining future expectations for our public infrastructure and facilities ... the community dialogue will continue.

Questions or Comments?

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For more information, go to the project website at

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